

R. R. STRIKE CONFERENCE FAILS

KRUTTSCHNITT AND HEADS OF UNIONS STAND FIRM.

Harriman Lines Official Refuses to Consider Recognition of Shopmen's Federation and Says Other Demands Are Out of the Question—May Meet Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The first conference to-day between the Harriman system officials and five presidents of unions forming the Federation of Shop Employees was without result. After several hours conference no agreement could be reached. The deadlock was over recognition of the federation, which the union leaders demand as a necessary preliminary to any negotiations.

Vice-President Kruttschnitt, as he has declared from the outset he would do, refused to yield. After three hours discussion the conference ended without result.

With Mr. Kruttschnitt at the conference were E. E. Calvin, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific system of the Southern Pacific; W. R. Scott, assistant general manager; H. J. Small, general superintendent of motive power; Fred G. Ahern, head of the bureau of economics, and R. J. Clancy, assistant to the general manager.

For the workmen there were four presidents of shopmen's unions, J. A. Franklin of the boilermakers, James W. Kline of the blacksmiths, J. D. Buckwalter of the machinists, and M. F. Ryan of the car workers and J. D. Crane of the San Francisco sheet metal workers, who represents that trade in the absence of M. O'Sullivan, president, who was unable to come west.

These five men have received absolute authority to decide whether the vote of the workmen to strike for recognition and better terms shall be put into effect or whether the matter shall be compromised.

The conference was secret and no stenographic report of the discussion was taken.

Both sides from the outset stood firm on the main issue of recognition for the new federation. The union leaders argued that the present arrangement of separate contracts with individual crafts does not give the employees power to back up their demands. They practically abandoned for the present their demand that the wage scale be raised \$7,000,000 for the current year and that the company no longer require an examination of applicants as to their capacity and fitness for jobs sought. It is the idea of the men that once the federation gets full authority in the matter of making contracts these demands can be taken up.

Kruttschnitt and the other railroad officials reproached the men for disturbing the harmonious relations of the road and its men at a time when the latter are admittedly receiving higher wages than on other railways. The chiefs of the Harriman lines took the position that recognition of the federation means the introduction of the principle of the sympathetic strike on the system, with constantly growing danger from petty disputes as to the parts of the system. As to the specific demands for higher wages and new rules of shop management, it was contended that they were entirely out of the question and would if granted mean that safe and reliable service to the public would become impossible.

After the close of the conference the union chiefs called in several local leaders for a general discussion.

Mr. Kruttschnitt issued this statement this evening:

"In the conference the question of the benefits to accrue to both the company and the men from a federation was fully presented by the international officers, and the officers of the railroad company explained at length why experience in the past has shown that a federation of public functions is hampered by a committee vested with sufficient power to control or partially control its operations.

"The discussion lasted from 11 A. M. to nearly 2:30 P. M. without altering the situation."

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Whether a strike of 15,000 shop workers on the lines of the Illinois Central system shall be called now rests with the presidents of the international unions involved.

A letter was sent to-day by international union officers in Chicago to President Markham of the Illinois Central asking him to grant another conference relative to recognition of the Shop Employees Federation. The answer of Mr. Markham was not disclosed, but it was learned that he is willing to extend every courtesy to the union officials he does not propose to recede from the attitude he made clear last Tuesday concerning the refusal of the company to recognize a federation of shop workers.

That no strike on the Illinois Central is in immediate prospect was indicated to-night when a number of union leaders left for their homes. They were told by international union officials to "spread the gospel of peace" until further notice.

It was announced to-day that pending negotiations between officers of the Rock Island lines and representatives of a federation of mechanical crafts on that system probably will be continued for ten days.

DISCRIMINATION IN CRUSADE.

Women Destroy Some Roadside Signs and Pass by Corset and Hosiery "Ads."

NEW ROCHELLE, Sept. 1.—An automobile party of five women who were displeased because the Automobile Club of New Rochelle took no official action as to the crusade against advertising signs along the roads went out to-day and tore down a lot of liquor and cigar advertisements that had been tacked to the trunks of trees along the roads. They did not remove the corset and hosiery signs.

George W. Floyd, a member of the club, said to-night that he understood that there would be numerous parties of motorists to-morrow who would attack the corset and hosiery advertising signs as well as all others that they regard as "disgracing the landscape."

TO STAR PAULINE WAYNE.

Manager Proposes to Put President's Cow in "Way Down East."

Boston, Sept. 1.—President Taft received two startling bits of news to-day. In the first paragraph of a letter he was told that a certain theatrical manager intended this year to open on the Minnesota circuit with a revival of "Way Down East."

Then he was told in the second paragraph that the theatrical manager would like to put Miss Pauline Wayne in a star part.

Miss Wayne is a lady of much talent. She has appeared extensively in the press, and though as an actress her experience is somewhat limited the President realizes that "Way Down East" would fit her to a T.

The relation between the President and Miss Wayne is that she is his cow. That is why the manager wrote to the President. He promises that she will lack none of the comforts of the pasture while treading the boards. A special keeper skilled in the dairy arts will be provided. A private car will carry her, and if in some towns the company is called upon to parade before the show Pauline will not be called upon to double in brass.

DOGS GIVE FIRE ALARM.

Bubbles and Bumps Warn the Bowles Family Just in Time.

The barking of two pet Boston bulldogs awakened George Bowles, general manager for Wagnahals & Kemper, the theatrical managers, early yesterday morning in his home at Port Washington, L. I., and enabled him to get his family in safety out of a smoke filled house. A fire which had started in the kitchen already had gained such headway that had it not been for the warning some of the family might not have escaped.

One of the dogs sleeps in Mr. Bowles's room. The other has the run of the house, Mrs. Bowles, who sleeps in a room adjoining that of her husband, was first awakened at 10 o'clock Thursday night by the barking of the dogs, begun by the one in the hall and taken up by the one in Mr. Bowles's room. She called her husband, and both thought they smelled smoke. Mr. Bowles made a search of the house and was unable to find any blaze, and he went back to bed.

At 1 o'clock yesterday morning the dogs set up their barking again. Mr. Bowles opened his door and found the hall filled with smoke. He called his wife and daughter Dorothy, 14 years old, and assisted them downstairs and out of the house. Then he returned and carried to the yard Mrs. George A. Duncan, Mrs. Bowles's mother, an invalid. After that he went to the third floor and got the maid downstairs.

By the time he reached the stairs on this last trip down Mr. Bowles had inhaled so much of the smoke that he was overcome and fell. In falling he struck his head on the rail of the stairs and the hurt roused him for a moment and enabled him to make his way to the hall below, where he was met by half a dozen neighbors, who dragged him out.

Mr. Bowles's home is in the theatrical colony and Fritz Williams, Al Holbrook, S. Miller Kent and a number of other theatrical men heard the cry of fire and helped the local volunteer department.

A good deal of the furniture downstairs was carried out and the fire was confined to the rear and center of the building. A large chimney connected with a kitchen range and also with five places running through the center of the building. It was about this that the fire did its chief damage. Mr. Bowles estimated his loss at \$3,500.

The dogs rejoice in the names of Bubbles and Bumps.

JAMES MAHONEY SAFE.

Former New York Policeman's Mind Cleared of Desert Heat Madness.

RENO, Nev., Sept. 1.—James Mahoney, the former New York policeman who was crazed by the heat on the desert Wednesday afternoon, has been found by Constable G. W. Sharkey of Hazen and Sheriff Coniff near the Desert Queen mine. He was exhausted, but his mind had been cleared of the heat madness and he was rational.

Mahoney wandered away without clothing, food or water. His tongue was so swollen with thirst as he crawled into camp at the Desert Queen mine that he could not speak.

SLAMS CANADIAN NAVY.

Quebec Anti-Reciprocity Shouter Puts His Own Party in a Fix.

OTTAWA, Sept. 1.—Jean Prevost, a Nationalist member of the Quebec Legislature, at a Conservative meeting at St. Jerome last night made an attack on the Government's naval policy. It was the first outspoken attack on the idea of a Canadian navy at a Conservative meeting in the present campaign. It is causing much embarrassment to the ultra-imperialist followers of Mr. Borden, the Conservative leader.

Referring to the nucleus of the Canadian navy, the training cruisers Niobe and Rainbow, the speaker said: "We must abolish those training ships. They are schools, not like ordinary schools to impart knowledge, but where our children will serve later as food for cannon and as targets for the bullets of Germany, Japan and China. We will never be ready to say to the English: 'Take our families for these purposes.'"

WELL KNOWN WOMEN OWE HIM

BANKRUPT MILLINER GIVES OUT A LIST OF HIS DEBTORS.

Many Actresses and Prominent Society Women Are Among Those Who Owe Herman Tappe—He in Turn Is in Debt to Many Hotels in New York.

A petition in bankruptcy in which a large number of women more or less in the public eye were mentioned as debtors was filed yesterday by Herman P. Tappe of 751 Fifth avenue, who has a millinery business at 4 West Fortieth street.

Mr. Tappe's liabilities are \$30,808, of which \$688 is for wages, and he has assets of \$10,682, consisting of stock, \$2,000; fixtures, \$3,000; cash in hand, \$20, and outstanding accounts, \$5,682, owing to him by 125 customers in amounts ranging from \$1 to \$507. Some of the debtors mentioned in his schedules, together with the amounts Mr. Tappe says they owe him, are: Valeska Suratt, \$53; Mrs. Patrick Campbell, \$62; Mrs. Leslie Carter, \$25; Billie Burke, \$109; Elsie de Wolfe, \$18; Doris Kenne, \$33; Ethel Levey, \$67; Mrs. Waldorf Astor of Cliveden, Taplow, Bucks, England, \$45; Mrs. W. Gould Brookway, Great Neck, L. I., \$125; Mrs. Oliver Iselin, \$25; Mrs. C. Dana Gibson, \$25; Miss Carol Harriman, \$40; Mrs. A. F. Tiffany, \$113; Mrs. B. Tiffany, \$6; Mrs. G. W. Landers of New London, Conn., \$687; Mrs. C. C. Minzesheimer, \$33; Mrs. Osgood Pell of Westbury, L. I., \$30; Mrs. Coleman Drayton, Philadelphia, \$40; Mrs. J. R. E. Roberts, Philadelphia, \$206; Florence Ziegfeld, Jr., \$100; Mrs. Arthur Kennedy, East Hampton, L. I., \$52; Mrs. Willie Low, \$113; Mrs. F. D. Fitzgibbon, Tuxedo, \$20; Mrs. G. W. Folson, Lenox, Mass., \$45; Mrs. E. C. Bourne, Oakdale, N. Y., \$12; Mrs. R. A. Whittier, Short Hills, L. I., \$12; Mrs. R. G. A. Eyer, Short Hills, L. I., \$140.

Mr. Tappe has 153 creditors, among whom are Leon Reissers & Co., \$5,611; J. A. Johnson & Co., \$2,164; Raimon, \$2,055; Annie Evans, \$13,150; Elsie de Wolfe, \$305; Jules & Hugo Rosenberg, \$732; H. B. Simmons, \$1,180; rent; Atchison & Co., \$929; Hotel Astor, \$72; Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Company, \$80; Plaza Hotel, \$171; Delmonico's, \$128; Louis Sherry, \$33; Holland House, \$101; Hotel Rector, \$33; and Vanity Fair Tea Room, \$41. His life is insured for \$30,000, payable to his wife and sisters.

He went into the millinery business in 1907, and in May of that year married Mrs. Ada Jaffrey McVicker, who was a widow of James McVicker, a brother of the Bishop of Rhode Island. Mrs. McVicker had five children at the time of the marriage. She was 50 and the man milliner was not quite 30. Two years later she obtained a divorce from Tappe, who said at the time that he never should have married. He said he didn't believe in marriage, but that now that he was divorced he was happy. Tappe comes from Sydney, Ohio.

WEDDING SECRET OUT.

William H. Kaiser and Miss Cole of Baltimore Married Last March.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 1.—To the great surprise of their many friends in Baltimore and New York, Eva, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Cole of 1811 Barclay street, and William H. Kaiser, son of Charles Kaiser of New York, have announced that they were married on March 26 last.

Miss Cole about that time left Baltimore to visit relatives in New York. She returned about the first of April, but gave no hint that she had been married.

The couple had originally planned to keep their wedding a secret for three years, but the frequent visits of the bridegroom to this city aroused his mother's suspicions and she asked him if he was married. True to the pact Mr. Kaiser had made with his bride to keep the matter secret, he denied that he was married, but his mother was so persistent he had to tell her. Miss Cole then broke the news to her parents and received their blessing.

GET BACK STOLEN PICTURES.

Men Who Robbed Farnese Palace in Rome Sent to Jail.

ROME, Sept. 1.—The paintings by Rubens and Guido Rini that were stolen from the Villa Farnesina in July have been recovered.

One of them was in the possession of a dealer who bought it for \$10 and the others were found in the lodgings of the thieves who were arrested.

DOG A HOTEL GUEST.

Gerald Loomis of Dayton Pays Full Rates for Dan on His Automobile Tour.

BUFFALO, Sept. 1.—Gerald Loomis, a rich merchant from Dayton, Ohio, motored into town to-day with a pal of his named Dan. Dan is a Boston terrier of high degree and bears the distinction of being the first dog to be received as a guest at one of the big hotels here. Full rates are paid for him and he receives the same attention as his master. Dan does not occupy one of the regular guest rooms, but a check room has been fitted up with a mattress and there Dan will spend several comfortable nights. A pillow goes with the mattress.

Dan has the whole bill of fare to choose from, but his appetite is keen for only a few dishes. Porterhouse steaks and rich cream are his staples. One of the hotel employees has been ordered to take Dan for a constitutional every day his master spends in Buffalo, but according to the master it is not walking Dan likes so much but automobiling.

"He is just crazy about auto riding," said Mr. Loomis. "Once in a while there comes a day when I am not able to use the machine. Dan becomes surly and ugly. His good humor returns only when he hears the machine and I start for the front seat."

Mr. Loomis has a pair of motor goggles and a dust coat for the dog. Fitted out in this regalia and perched on the front seat of the huge machine Dan already has attracted a lot of notice here.

DOCTOR KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

Supposed to Have Been Made Insane by Overwork.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 1.—Dr. Walter Owen Ryan, a physician of Springfield, Ill., shot and killed his wife and then ended his own life at 8:30 o'clock this morning in the Ryan residence here. No one saw the tragedy, but the two sons of the couple were upstairs.

TO TEST NEW ELECTION LAW.

Republicans and Independent Leaguers Begin an Attack.

A suit to test the new Levy election law, which prevents the name of a candidate from appearing twice on the same ballot, was begun yesterday by Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican county committee, and John J. Hopper, chairman of the Independence League county committee.

The plaintiffs got an order from Supreme Court Justice Bischoff yesterday directing the Board of Elections to show cause on Tuesday why the new law should not be declared unconstitutional. The case will be heard before Supreme Court Justice Gavegan.

Andrew F. Murray has already been nominated by both the Republicans and the Independence League as candidate for the Assembly from the Nineteenth district, but the Board of Elections has refused to certify the name on the ground that it is against the Levy law.

The manner in which the law violates the Constitution was not set forth in the petition submitted to Justice Bischoff.

WAR OF WOMEN SPREADS.

Serious Riot Over Food Prices in St. Quentin—Maximum Rate Schedule.

PARIS, Sept. 1.—The disorders and demonstrations arising out of the high prices of foodstuffs continue in various parts of France. To-day the women of Brittany and Burgundy joined in the work of their sisters in other parts of the republic.

There was a riot of considerable proportions at St. Quentin, in the Department of the Aisne, last night. A mob swept through the town, smashing the windows of the food shops. Troops were called out and they charged on the crowd. The melee lasted until 4 o'clock this morning. During the fighting twenty soldiers and 100 manifestants were more or less seriously injured. The food shops in the town were all closed to-day.

Eighteen hundred women held a meeting at Dunkirk under the auspices of the General Confederation of Labor. They appointed a committee of ten to draw up a maximum schedule of prices they were willing to pay for foodstuffs.

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CARTER, M. C., WHIPS FOUR MEN

SAYS ONE OF THEM INSULTED HIS DAUGHTER.

Representative From Oklahoma Thrashes Four Department Store Clerks and Then Goes to a Police Station and Explains How He Came to Do It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Representative Charles B. Carter of Oklahoma created a deal of excitement in fashionable F street to-day and incidentally gave a severe drubbing to four clerks in a department store, whom he accused of insulting his eighteen-year-old daughter, Miss Italy Carter. The Oklahoma member, who is seven-sixteens Indian, put one of the clerks completely out of commission with his fists and later put the other three who had come to the rescue of their associate to rout with his cane. He quickly departed from the store and placing his daughter in a passing automobile hurried to the nearest station house, where he gave himself up. Mr. Carter explained to the police the causes leading up to the trouble.

According to Representative Carter his daughter entered the store and asked for a certain make of coat, giving a description. The clerk, thinking her alone, Mr. Carter said, tried to engage her in conversation.

"I refused to converse with the clerk," said Mr. Carter. "Continuing his advances, which were followed by repulses from my daughter, he became insulting. I took a hand in the conversation at this juncture and politely asked the clerk the cause of the trouble. He became infuriated and said several uncomplimentary things about my daughter. I told her to accompany me from the store and as we reached the door he called me names. I returned and prepared to strike him, when he started toward me. I then gave him as good a licking as my long experience on the plains as a boxer would permit. When I started to leave three of his associates took up the fight. I was plainly outnumbered, but would not run. I struck right and left with my cane and finally routed the whole bunch."

While the fight was in progress Miss Carter stood on the sidewalk at a time when F street is thronged and let out a series of screams which were heard for blocks. Representative Carter immediately hailed a passing automobile and directed the driver to go to the police station in the greatest possible haste.

NOVICE AIRMAN'S BAD FALL.

Weeks Hurt by 100 Foot Drop When His Motor Gave Out.

Lester Weeks, a novice aviator, who lives in Mineola, had a narrow escape in an aeroplane accident at the Nassau Boulevard aerodrome late yesterday afternoon. His motor stopped when he was trying to make a turn 100 feet in the air and the machine shot downward, landing on its left wing.

Weeks was buried in the wreckage face downward and he received deep cuts about the temple and mouth. Several mechanics hurried to him and after the broken aero had been lifted away he was carried to an automobile unconscious. He was hurried to the Nassau Hospital, where several stitches were taken in deep gashes in his temple and upper lip. He was also suffering from a hemorrhage from the nose. It was at first feared that he had suffered internal injuries, but about two hours after the accident he was resting comfortably and it was said at the hospital that he would be out within a week.

The machine was badly wrecked and the engine, which partly slipped from its bed, fell within six inches of the aviator's head.

Weeks became interested in aviation last fall at the Mineola field and tried to fly in a machine built by a young man named Talmage. A few days ago he succeeded in making a flight and yesterday he went to the Nassau Boulevard aerodrome and got permission to make a flight in a machine owned by Howard Deitz. It was the machine that was used by Ted Sherry in Japan. Before going to-day Weeks announced that he would take the machine higher than it had ever been.

He was up about five minutes and it was noticed that the motor was not working well. Just as he banked for a turn the motor stopped and the machine fell almost perpendicularly.

Miss Harriet Quimby made a flight yesterday morning and for the first time flew with a high powered engine. She used the machine in which the late St. Croix Johnstone set an American record for duration.

REFeree IN CHANLER SUIT

To Settle the Partition of a Valuable Broadway Farm.

Supreme Court Justice Bischoff signed an order yesterday substituting Lewis Spencer Morris as counsel for the defendants in a suit brought by Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich against Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler and her other brothers and sisters to partition the property known as the Cosine farm, left in trust for them by their aunt, Laura Astor Delano.

The suit was brought before Robert W. Chanler was divorced by his first wife, Julia Chamberlain Chanler, and his present wife, Lina Cavalleri, is a party to the suit. The suit was not pressed for trial last year because the property was tied up by Robert Chanler's second marriage, but Mr. Morris said that it would be tried this fall.

Mr. Morris said he didn't believe it would be necessary to make Mrs. Cavalleri a party to the suit because he understood she would sign a release of dower.

The Cosine farm property involved in the partition suit originally extended from Broadway nearly to Twelfth avenue and covered over a block in width, extending diagonally northwest from Fifty-fourth street. The property is worth between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 and now comprises 830 to 840 Ninth avenue, 831 to 839 Tenth avenue, 360 to 372 West Fifty-fifth street, 303 to 311 West Fifty-fifth street and seven vacant lots on the north side of Fifty-fifth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

WILHELMINA IS THIRTY-ONE.

President Taft Sends Congratulations to the Queen of Holland.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—The following message of congratulation was sent from the State Department to Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to-day on the occasion of her thirty-first birthday:

"On the anniversary of your Majesty's birthday I extend the assurances of my high regard and good wishes and the hope that your Majesty's country may continue to enjoy peace and prosperity."

"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

HOPE FOR THE LEXINGTON.

Captain's Message Makes Line Officials Believe Ship May Be Floated.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Sept. 1.—"Everything in fine shape this morning. Sea running smooth, clear weather."

The above wireless message was received this morning by L. M. Erskine, local agent of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, from Capt. Connolly of the steamship Lexington, aground on Botany Bay Island, off the South Carolina coast. If the weather remains as it is to-day the chances are that the Lexington will be floated, officials of the company believe.

HAY FEVER DEFIED.

Women to Carry Golden Rod in Labor Day Parade of Unionists.

A committee of the Women's Trade Union League, which will form a subdivision in the Labor Day parade on Monday, was appointed yesterday to go to the country fields and lanes to-day and gather golden rods to be carried in the parade. Golden rods is the official flower of the league and every member in line will wear a bunch of it.

DOESN'T LIKE NEW YORK GIRLS.

Young Man Writes Mayor of Denver to Find Him a Wife.

DENVER, Sept. 1.—A writer who signs himself Fred Miller and says he is an engineer and inventor at 125 East Tenth street, New York, has written to Mayor Speer asking him to find a good Denver girl for him to marry.

Miller says the New York girls do not appeal to him and he has heard so much about Denver girls that he wants to try one of them for a voyage on the sea of matrimony. Miller says he is well able to support two on the royalties from his inventions. His age is 25, he says.

BERLIN STATUE TO STEUBEN.

German Government Issues a Note Appreiative of America's Gift.

BERLIN, Sept. 1.—The North German Gazette, the organ of the Government, prints an official communiqué to-day on the unveiling at Potsdam to-morrow of the reproduction of the statue of Baron von Steuben at Washington which is presented to the Emperor and the German people by Mr. Bartholdi of Missouri as the representative of the United States Congress.

The note again draws attention to the long standing historic relations between Germany and the United States, dating back to the civil war in the latter country. It concludes:

"Germany is moved by a deep sense of gratification at the honor which the American nation has conferred in Washington on the gallant Teuton Lieutenant in perpetuating his memory in enduring bronze both in the United States and the Fatherland."

STRONG ARMS ARRESTED 609.

August Report of Police Rowdy Squad Shows 546 Convictions.

Lieut. Becker, who has been leading the strong arm squad in its fly-by-night rowdy ransack and who has been dealing roughly with the Sunday car raids submitted to the Police Commissioner yesterday a report for the month of August. It speaks for itself:

Arrests, 609; convictions, 546; discharged, 48; cases pending, 16; fines imposed on those convicted, \$1,298; total number of days of imprisonment, 1,167; reprimands, 44; suspended sentences, 19; on probation, 9; in jail to keep the peace, 5. The report adds that there were fifteen men on the squad on weekdays and seventy-five on Saturdays and Sundays.

PRESIDENT WAITED IN VAIN.

Zayas Fall to Call on Gomez—Fight On in Havana—Strike Riots.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN. HAVANA, Sept. 1.—Open hostilities seem now to have broken out between the Miguelites and the Zayas. The Zayas delegation, which included President Gomez yesterday, demanding that he fulfill his promise to support Zayas for President at the next election and which made an engagement for another interview to-day, failed to put in an appearance.

NEW BEATTIE CASE WITNESS

DEFENCE FINDS HOPE IN MYSTERIOUS JOY RIDER.

Attorney Smith Gets a Note in Court. Then Goes to Call "A Very Important Witness" by Telephone—Hints That Second Man Was in the Beattie Auto.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 1.—At the morning session of the Beattie case to-day Harry Smith, one of Beattie's lawyers, got the court's permission to go to the telephone to communicate with "a very important witness."

Then it became known that Beattie's lawyers have found a man who was automobiling on the Midlothian turnpike on the night of the murder in the company of a woman. This man is said to have been seen cranking his machine at a spot not far from that at which Mrs. Beattie was murdered.

Several young men who were on a lark on the night of July 18 and who returned along the turnpike about the hour that the homicide took place have testified for the prosecution that in the vicinity afterward established as that where the murder occurred they saw a machine closely resembling Henry Beattie's; that a woman was standing on the left running board when they passed and that a man was by the hood of the automobile tinkering with the engine.

The prosecution has shown by